

## N E W S R E L E A S E

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### **California's Payroll Employment Up 17,200 Jobs *Unemployment Rate Increases to 4.8 Percent***

**SACRAMENTO** – California nonfarm payroll employment increased by 17,200 jobs over the month of November, for a total of 15,089,200, according to the state Employment Development Department's (EDD) survey of employers.

California's unemployment rate was 4.8 percent in December, up from 4.6 percent in November, EDD reported today. A year ago, in December 2005, California's unemployment rate was 5.1 percent.

According to the separate survey of households, the number of Californians holding jobs in December was 17,076,000. This was an increase of 19,000 from November, and up 164,000 from the employment total in December of last year.

The number of people unemployed in California was 865,000 – an increase of 41,000 over the month, but down by 46,000 compared with December of last year.

Of the unemployed, 303,900 were laid off, 86,100 left their jobs voluntarily, and the remaining were either new entrants or reentrants into the labor market, or persons who completed temporary jobs.

#### **UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE CLAIMS (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)**

In related data, the EDD reported that there were 357,413 people receiving regular unemployment insurance benefits during the December survey week. This compares with 245,064 last month and 336,296 last year. At the same time, new claims for unemployment insurance were 49,206 in December 2006, compared with 40,677 in November and 46,812 in December of last year.

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## WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT DETAIL (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

EDD's report on payroll employment (wage and salary jobs) in the nonfarm industries of California totaled 15,089,200 in December, a net gain of 17,200 jobs since the November survey. This followed a gain of 17,300 jobs (as revised) in November.

Eight of the categories (**construction; trade, transportation and utilities; information; financial activities; professional and business services; educational and health services; other services; and government**) added jobs over the month, gaining 17,700 jobs. The educational and health services industry showed the largest gain, up by 5,200 jobs. Two categories (**manufacturing and leisure and hospitality**) reported job declines this month, down 500 jobs. Manufacturing posted the largest decline over the month, down by 400 jobs. One category, natural resources and mining, reported no change over the month.

In a year-over-year comparison (December 2005 to December 2006), nonfarm payroll employment in California increased by 170,300 jobs (up 1.1 percent).

Nine industry divisions (**natural resources and mining; trade, transportation and utilities; information; financial activities; professional and business services; educational and health services; leisure and hospitality; other services; and government**) posted job gains over the year, adding 187,500 jobs. On a numerical basis, professional and business services showed the strongest employment growth, adding 45,000 jobs (a 2.1 percent increase). On a percentage of growth basis, natural resources and mining showed the strongest gain, up 5.1 percent (adding 1,200 jobs).

Two categories (**construction and manufacturing**) posted job declines over the year, down 17,200 jobs. Construction employment showed the largest decline on both a numerical and percentage of growth basis, down by 15,900 jobs (a decline of 1.7 percent).

## WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT DETAIL (**NOT** SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

Over the month, employment in **trade, transportation and utilities** showed the largest non-seasonally adjusted gain, up by 33,700 jobs. The gains were primarily in retail trade, which added 34,300 jobs. **Construction** recorded the greatest non-seasonally adjusted loss, down by 11,400 jobs. Most of the losses were in the specialty trade contractors sector, which declined by 6,800 jobs.

The **professional and business services** industries reported the largest gain over the year, up 45,400 jobs. The gains were mainly in the professional, scientific and technical services sector (up by 23,000 jobs) and the administrative and support and waste services sector (up by 22,100 jobs). The largest decrease over the year was in **construction**, which was down by 15,700 jobs, with most of the losses in the specialty trade contractors sector, with a decline of 10,500 jobs.

Seasonally adjusted payroll detail follows:

**WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA**  
(Amounts in thousands)

Industrial Classification	December 2006 (prelim.)	November 2006	December 2005	Change Over 12 months (Percent)
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Workers . . . . .	15,089.2	15,072.0	14,918.9	1.1
Natural resources and mining . . . . .	24.9	24.9	23.7	5.1
Construction . . . . .	917.4	916.5	933.3	-1.7
Manufacturing . . . . .	1,509.3	1,509.7	1,510.6	-0.1
Trade, transportation and utilities . . . . .	2,841.7	2,839.3	2,830.3	0.4
Information . . . . .	480.5	477.3	472.9	1.6
Financial activities . . . . .	947.9	947.4	937.8	1.1
Professional and business services . . . . .	2,222.9	2,218.6	2,177.9	2.1
Educational and health services . . . . .	1,630.7	1,625.5	1,597.4	2.1
Leisure and hospitality . . . . .	1,526.3	1,526.4	1,492.9	2.2
Other services . . . . .	523.0	522.8	516.6	1.2
Government* . . . . .	2,464.6	2,463.6	2,425.5	1.6
Agriculture . . . . .	383.7	375.3	369.0	4.0

\*Includes all civilian employees of federal, state, and local governments.

**TABLE A**  
**EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA**

	December 2006	November 2006	October 2006	December 2005
Civilian labor force <sup>a</sup> . . . . .	17,941,000	17,881,000	17,828,000	17,823,000
Total civilian employment . . . . .	17,076,000	17,057,000	17,034,000	16,912,000
Unemployment . . . . .	865,000	824,000	794,000	911,000
Seasonally adjusted rate % . . . .	4.8	4.6	4.5	5.1
US seasonally adjusted rate % . . .	4.5	4.5	4.4	4.9

**TABLE B**  
**EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, UNADJUSTED DATA**

	December 2006	November 2006	October 2006	December 2005
Civilian labor force <sup>a</sup> . . . . .	17,904,000	17,880,000	17,864,000	17,805,000
Total civilian employment . . . . .	17,086,000	17,072,000	17,107,000	16,952,000
Unemployment . . . . .	818,000	808,000	757,000	853,000
Unadjusted rate % . . . . .	4.6	4.5	4.2	4.8

<sup>a</sup>Labor force by place of residence including workers involved in trade disputes.

**MONTHLY LABOR FORCE DATA FOR COUNTIES  
DECEMBER 2006; 2005 BENCHMARK  
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED**

COUNTY	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE
<b>STATE TOTAL</b>	<b>17,903,500</b>	<b>17,085,800</b>	<b>817,700</b>	<b>4.6%</b>
ALAMEDA	764,100	733,500	30,600	4.0%
ALPINE	710	680	30	4.8%
AMADOR	16,730	15,900	840	5.0%
BUTTE	101,800	96,000	5,800	5.7%
CALAVERAS	21,110	20,040	1,070	5.1%
COLUSA	10,240	8,730	1,520	14.8%
CONTRA COSTA	524,500	504,200	20,200	3.9%
DEL NORTE	10,870	10,130	740	6.8%
EL DORADO	93,500	89,500	4,000	4.3%
FRESNO	399,400	366,100	33,200	8.3%
GLENN	11,580	10,590	990	8.5%
HUMBOLDT	61,200	58,100	3,100	5.1%
IMPERIAL	64,100	54,800	9,300	14.5%
INYO	9,130	8,740	390	4.3%
KERN	332,600	307,000	25,600	7.7%
KINGS	54,400	50,000	4,500	8.3%
LAKE	26,050	24,270	1,780	6.8%
LASSEN	12,280	11,350	940	7.6%
LOS ANGELES	4,855,300	4,652,600	202,700	4.2%
MADERA	61,900	57,600	4,300	6.9%
MARIN	132,900	128,700	4,100	3.1%
MARIPOSA	8,700	8,210	500	5.7%
MENDOCINO	43,880	41,600	2,280	5.2%
MERCED	100,800	91,100	9,600	9.6%
MODOC	4,000	3,690	310	7.6%
MONO	9,040	8,670	370	4.1%
MONTEREY	198,000	179,500	18,500	9.4%
NAPA	71,600	68,900	2,700	3.8%
NEVADA	50,290	48,260	2,030	4.0%
ORANGE	1,623,100	1,572,000	51,200	3.2%
PLACER	166,600	160,600	6,000	3.6%
PLUMAS	10,010	9,190	820	8.2%
RIVERSIDE	878,400	837,700	40,700	4.6%
SACRAMENTO	691,200	661,100	30,100	4.4%
SAN BENITO	25,400	23,600	1,800	7.3%
SAN BERNARDINO	890,200	852,500	37,700	4.2%
SAN DIEGO	1,525,800	1,469,100	56,800	3.7%
SAN FRANCISCO	428,000	411,500	16,400	3.8%
SAN JOAQUIN	287,200	266,200	21,000	7.3%
SAN LUIS OBISPO	132,500	127,800	4,700	3.6%
SAN MATEO	371,400	359,000	12,400	3.3%
SANTA BARBARA	213,500	204,800	8,700	4.1%
SANTA CLARA	831,800	797,300	34,500	4.2%
SANTA CRUZ	144,100	135,100	9,000	6.2%
SHASTA	82,500	77,200	5,300	6.4%
SIERRA	1,630	1,500	130	7.7%
SISKIYOU	18,480	16,890	1,580	8.6%
SOLANO	214,500	204,800	9,700	4.5%
SONOMA	254,900	245,400	9,400	3.7%
STANISLAUS	229,200	211,700	17,500	7.6%
SUTTER	40,800	37,100	3,700	9.1%
TEHAMA	25,960	24,410	1,550	6.0%
TRINITY	5,110	4,610	510	9.9%
TULARE	185,100	168,000	17,100	9.2%
TUOLUMNE	26,140	24,740	1,400	5.4%
VENTURA	426,200	407,900	18,300	4.3%
YOLO	97,100	91,800	5,300	5.5%
YUBA	25,900	23,600	2,200	8.6%